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SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1903.

Severe Storm.

A severe storm passed over this town Thursday afternoon and much damage was done by lightning. The fire-alarm system was put out of working order, telephones in several houses were burned out and trolley cars put out of working order, and in the Sprague Electric Works at Watsessing several dynamos were put out of commission, several houses were struck and more or less damaged by the lightning. The most serious cases among the houses struck by the electrical bolts was at the residence of Town Councilman Dr. W. F. Harrison, on Broad Street, in the Second ward. The lightning struck the roof and ripped off shingles and shattered part of the frame work and set fire to the house. An attempt was made to send in an alarm of fire but the alarm system was also affected by the lightning and not in working order. Dr. Harrison was home at the time and he attached a garden hose to a faucet in the house and extinguished the fire with it.

Mr. Dalrymple's house, corner Oakland Avenue and Liberty Street, was struck and slightly damaged. A heavy capstone was knocked off the top of the chimney of Miss Emma Dodd's house in State Street by an electric bolt. In Clarendon Place a telephone pole was shattered by the lightning. A large tree in Montgomery Street, below Orchard, was split in two, and in other parts of the town trees were struck. The chimney of Mrs. J. Coker's house in Smith street was damaged by lightning. In Mr. Hoschke's home in Benson street the electrical fluid passed through the music room and destroyed an organ. At the home of Richard Cummings, in Myrtle street, the slate roof was damaged. Mrs. Mary Graham's house in Orchard street was struck and the chimney and roof damaged.

Church Notes.

The regular weekly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held to-night in the chapel of the Watsessing M. E. Church.

The Sunday-school of Christ Episcopal Church had an outing at Verona Lake Saturday.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Baptist Church went to Eagle Rock Tuesday and enjoyed a day's outing.

The Executive Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist Church held a meeting Thursday night at the home of William M. Maxfield, No. 229 Franklin Street.

The regular quarterly union meeting under the auspices of the Evangelical Union will be held to-morrow night in the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Remi Buttinghausen of the Park Avenue German Presbyterian Church will preach the sermon.

The Essex County Bible Society's census enumerators, who made a house-to-house canvass of the town in the interest of religious work, have reported the results of the census to the clergy of the local churches.

The Rev. P. G. Blight of the Watsessing M. E. Church delivered an interesting discourse Sunday evening on "The life and work of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church." The occasion was the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Wesley's birthday.

The patriotic service in the German Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening was largely attended. Members of William S. Person Post were present in a body and were accompanied by members of other soldier organizations in the town. The Rev. Dr. A. W. Fismer delivered an eloquent and stirring address. The singing was a prominent feature of the service.

Struck by a Locomotive.

John Fathes, son of Owen Fathes of Thomas Street, Glen Ridge, was on his way home about half-past one o'clock Friday morning, when he was struck by the locomotive of the milk train and badly injured. He sustained a severe fracture of the skull on the left side of his head. Fathes, it is presumed, turned out of Washington Street to walk along the track towards Clark Street, which is a short cut to the north end of Thomas Street where his home is.

The engineer of the milk train saw the accident as soon as it happened and stopped the train, and the conductor ran to the police station and reported it. Officers Dukane and Moran went to the place and summoned medical aid, and the injured man moved to the hospital. Doctors Shantz and Wood, who attended the young man gave it as their opinion that while his injuries were of a dangerous character, there was a possible hope of his recovery.

Mood on a Rattler.

The group of peripatetic philosophers who pursue their evening studies at Cavanagh's Academy held commencement exercises Monday night. Snakes was the uniform theme of all the orations. The academy students have travelled extensively and seen much of the world, consequently the orations were replete with originality and rich in startling dramatic climaxes and afforded a wonderful demonstration of the marvelous flexibility of the imaginative faculty of the human mind. The prize was awarded to Daniel Stockton, whose theme was rattlesnakes. The following snake story is from Mr. Stockton's address:

The speaker said he was at one time in the United States service in the Southwest. The surrounding country was infested with rattlesnakes. Adjacent to the army post were a number of cabins occupied by negroes. One dark night the weird shriek of a frightened negro was heard out on the prairie, arousing the soldiers and creating consternation among the occupants of the negro cabins. A large party composed of soldiers and negroes went to the aid of the man who was calling for help. When they reached the scene the light from the lanterns showed the negro's bare foot square across the body of a rattlesnake and bearing down hard on the snake. The free part of the snake's body towards the tail was coiled around the negro's leg. The scene occasioned much excitement and one old negro woman called out to the man who held the snake captive, "Youse a dead niggah fo shuh." Many suggestions were offered as to the best method of releasing the man, and some of the reckless devils among the soldiers wanted to try some revolver practice on the snake but the man who held it down protested.

One old darky, who was not at all upset by the strange spectacle, called to the negro to keep perfectly still for a few moments longer, and seizing a lantern rushed back to one of the cabins and soon returned with a long stick with a table fork fastened to the end. He speared the snake through the neck with the fork, after which another negro unbound the reptile from the captive's leg. The snake was carried off in triumph by the negroes.

The negro who had undergone the thrilling experience was asked why he did not jump when he felt the snake under his foot. He replied that as soon as he realized that he was standing on the snake and it did not strike him instantly he was certain that his foot was near its head. If he lifted his foot the snake would quickly coil and strike him, so he instantly concluded that his only safety was to hold down the snake until help came.

A Political Surprise.

The announcement made by James R. Nugent, Chairman of the Essex County Democratic Committee, to the effect that Edwin A. Rayner, the well-known lawyer, would not be a candidate for appointment to the County Board of Registry and Election, was a surprise to

Mr. Rayner's friends here and throughout the county. Mr. Rayner had served as a member of the Board for many years and sat in some of the big recounts of eight or ten years ago. As an active Democrat he seldom let an opportunity slip to help the interests of his party, and it is a matter of record that in the recounts in which the Board sat he fought every inch of the way in behalf of the candidates of his party.

County Chairman Nugent, who is the Essex representative in the State Committee, has a warm regard for Mr. Rayner, and would consider no other applicant for the place while he remained in it. But the fact that the Glen Ridge man did not ask for reappointment settled that question.

A Long Automobile Trip.

Last Sunday at 8 A. M. Arthur P. Heyer of this town and C. W. Hunter of Caldwell started from the latter's home in Mr. Heyer's new Oldsmobile for Asbury Park. The route followed lay through Millburn, Plainfield, New Brunswick, Matawan, Keyport, Red Bank, Long Branch, and from thence to Asbury Park, arriving at the Park at 12:35. After dinner they circled about Asbury, stopping at the Zecharias Automobile Station for gasoline. A start was made for home at 2:10, taking the shore road as far as Long Branch, reaching Caldwell at 6:30 P. M.

The Oldsmobile used was a new machine of the latest model and the trip was taken on a wager, Mr. Heyer to stand all the expenses unless the entire trip could be made without adding water to the cooling system. If the trip was successful and no water added, Mr. Hunter was to buy the machine. The entire distance covered was 172 miles. Six gallons of gasoline and one pint of cylinder oil was used. No water was added and no repairs were made on the way. Mr. Hunter is now owner of the machine and feels that he has a winner.

Night was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained fifty-eight pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price \$6 and \$1. Trial bottles free at all drug stores. —Add.

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Drunk and Violent.

Edward Burke of Boston, Mass., went

into the yard in the rear of John G.

Keyer & Sons' establishment in Bloom-

field Avenue, Wednesday afternoon, and

proceeded to take a nap in an out-house.

He was asked to leave by John G.

Keyer, Jr., but instead of doing so ran

at the boy and compelled him to seek

refuge in a box stall. There Burke

knocked the lad down and proceeded to

pummel him. Edward H. Van Sickle,

an employee of Mr. Keyer, started to

aid young Keyer, when he, too, was

set upon by Burke who seemed mad-

dened.

Van Sickle looked around for a weapon

with which to defend himself, and

Burke picked up a heavy stone and

buried it at Van Sickle but did not hit

him. Policeman Moran was summoned

and Burke jumped on a trolley car

bound for Newark, while Moran, with

Charles A. Keyer the boy's father,

leaped into a wagon and started in

pursuit. They caught up with the car

at Watsessing Avenue and the officer

and Mr. Keyer took him into custody.

They did see he made a pass at Mr.

Keyer who brushed it aside and deliver-

ed a left-hander, which landed on

Burke's forehead and rendered him

senseless. He recovered shortly

afterward and was taken to the police

station. On the way there he made an

attack on Frederick Keyer, but was

prevented from doing damage. Recorder Post fined Burke \$25.

A Lucky Ride.

One year ago Edward Heart of East

Orange, known among county politicians

as the Duke of East Orange, took a

large party of his friends on a personally

conducted trolley ride to Bayonne,

where they were regaled with a shore

dinner. It was a Democratic outing,

but many of those who went on the

excursion were of the opinion that the

prospects for Democrats enjoying any

of the emoluments of Essex County

political offices was then a long way off.

But the wisest guessers are often far

astray. That was a lucky trolley ride,

and some people declare that the Duke

had all his pockets stuffed with rabbits'

feet on that occasion. William C. Nicol,

now Sheriff of Essex County, was one of

the party; John H. Krueger, now Under-

Sheriff under Mr. Nicol, was another;

Dr. Diamond, now Custodian of the

County Jail, was another, and now Mr.

Heart himself has been named for

member of the County Board of Registry and Election.

Tickets for future shore dinners

under the patronage of the Duke of

East Orange will command a high

premium. No other local politician has

struck such luck in many years past.

School Reception.

The members of the High School

class of 1903 were tendered a reception

Monday night by the under-graduates

who will constitute the class of 1904.

The affair took place in the Watsessing

School and was largely attended. A pleasant evening was spent in a social

way. Music was furnished for dancing.

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